

# RILEY ESTATE ASSESSMENT INCREASED BY A MILLION

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S Figures Which Shed an Interesting Light Upon Harold Riley's

**LEVEE, JANUARY 1.**

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will hold a levee at Government House on New Year's Day from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Buleya will also be At Home in her private parlors during the same hours to any of His Honor's callers.

By command,  
G. H. BABBITT,  
Secretary.

Government House, Edmon-  
ton, December 26th, 1911.

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BAR ASSOCIATION  
BANQUET ATTORNTON

LEADING POLITICIANS OF THE DOMINION ARE PRESENT INCLUDING THE LATE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND THE LEADER OF

**THE ONTARIO OP-  
POSITION.**  
(Western Associated Press.)  
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—Seldom has  
a more notable gathering of distin-  
guished members of the legal profes-  
sion occurred in Canada than at the  
annual banquet of the Ontario Bar as-  
sociation in the King Edward hotel last  
evening. Some two hundred of the

leading legal lights of this province sat down. The speeches were all of a exceptionally high order. Among the speakers whose eloquence delighted the assembly were the Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance; Sir A. Aylesworth, K. C., the late minister of justice; N. W. Rowell, leader of the opposition in the Ontario legislature; Justice Riddell; Sir George C. Gibbons of London; G. Lynch-Staunton, of Hamilton, and J. A. M. Alkens, K. C., of Manitoba.

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**SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY**

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—A provincial convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, met for a two days' session in this city today, with headquarters at the Lander hotel. Delegates and

**W. WOMAN ORDAINED TO MINISTRY.**  
Oshkosh, Wis., Dec. 28.—Miss Laura E. Bowman, a graduate of the divinity school of Lombard college, was ordained to the University ministry today in the town of Markesan, southwest of this city. Dr. Effie McCallum Jones of Waterloo, Iowa, preached the ordination sermon.

## WARD ISLAND RENOMINEES

quietly, the following candidates being nominated for the assembly:

**Prince County**

First District—Benjamin Gallant, lib.

eral; S. T. Gallant, conservative.  
Second District—John Richards, liberal; J. H. McLaughlin, liberal.  
Third District—J. J. McNally, liberal; A. E. Arseneault, conservative.  
Fourth District—F. Tupin, liberal.  
Fifth District—Hubert Heward, liberal; J. A. McNeill, conservative.  
**Queen's County.**  
First District—G. W. McPhie, liberal; M. Kennedy, conservative.  
Second District—G. W. McPhie, liberal; J. H. Bunlan, conservative.  
Third District—G. Chandler, liberal; R. Newar, conservative.  
Fourth District—David P. Irving, liberal; J. S. Martin, conservative.  
Charlotteville and Rosliffe—N. A. Brown, liberal; J. S. Martin, conservative; G. E. Hughes, liberal; Dr. S. F. Jenkins, conservative.  
**Single Vote.**  
First District—John McLean, John Kieckhafer, conservatives, elected by acclamation.  
Second District—A. Simpson and A. McDonald, conservatives; R. N. Go and D. L. Melnis, liberals.

Third District—J. A. Dewar, conservative; H. Nelson, liberal; A. McDonald, conservative.

Fourth District—A. P. Prowse, conservative; G. S. Inman, liberal; Murdoch McKinnon, conservative; D. Barnes, liberal.

Fifth District—J. A. Mathieson and T. McDonald, conservatives, elected by acclamation.

Note.—The reports received fail to supply the nominations to the council for the counties of Queens and Prince

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Riley estate, owner, 232 acres, section 31, Riley estate, owner, 159 1-3 acres, northwest section 20; low valuation, \$250,000.

[illegible]

# Another Big Fire In Porcupine District

(Western Associated Press.)

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—A bulletin from Golden City received here about 2.30, says half the business section of Golden City is in flames, 30 stores being completely gutted. The fire is raging furiously. (Later particulars.)

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Further.)—Fire started at an early hour this morning in Golden City, Porcupine, and at one time it seemed as if the entire town would go, but by the use of dynamite to blow up some buildings the flames were prevented from spreading to the residential part.

The recording office was also saved by this means. Fire swept up King street, destroying Evans & Co.'s store, Forbes and Laube stores, two saloons, the Strathcona house, and several other stores and buildings.

## FLAMES WIPE OUT ONTARIO VILLAGE

Neighboring Villages Are Unable to Respond to Call for Assistance—Two Hotels, Thirty Stores, and Seven Dwellings Already Gone

(Western Associated Press.)  
Trenton, Ont., Dec. 28.—The village of Frankfort, about eight miles northeast of Trenton, was almost wiped out by a fire which broke out this evening.

**PROMINENT PORT HOPE  
CITIZEN HAS DIED**

Port Hope, Ont., Dec. 28.—(H. B.) Hurst, one of the town's most prominent spirits, died at his home, 69, after a short illness, from pneumonia. He was mayor of Port Hope for many years and president of the Midland Loan and Savings company, proprietor of the toll road between Port Hope and Trenton, and president of the harbor commissioners. He is survived by a widow, one son, and six daughters. Burial will be at the Port Hope Barracks, (Dr.) McKinley, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. (Dr.) McKinley, Mrs. Hudson (England), Mrs. Fred (England), Messrs. Grant, and Thorp, Blacksmith Shop and Farmers Shop. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock on the south side of the main street from the Streetcar block to the Bell Telephone building, where the Rev. Mr. G. W. Trenton, Belleville and Port Hope, assistance, but none was forthcoming. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock on the south side of the main street from the Streetcar block to the Bell Telephone building, where the Rev. Mr. G. W. Trenton, Belleville and Port Hope, assistance, but none was forthcoming. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock on the south side of the main street from the Streetcar block to the Bell Telephone building, where the Rev. Mr. G. W. Trenton, Belleville and Port Hope, assistance, but none was forthcoming.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 28.—The recount of vote cast in North Essex, in the provincial election was commenced yesterday by Judge McHugh. A preliminary objection was taken to the fact that the ballot had the word "Honorable" prefixed to the name of J. C. Heame, the Conservative candidate, and was not used in the way contrary to election laws. It is expected that the recount will be completed by Saturday. No errors of count were found.











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HAROLD RILEY  
NOT FIT FOR PUBLIC LIFE

The spectacle of Harold Riley upon the floor of the house defending the iniquitous exemption swindle by which the city of Calgary has been practically defrauded out of a fair and just taxation upon hundreds and hundreds of acres of valuable land within the city limits, the spectacle of the whole conservative membership, except one, rushing to Riley's assistance, and the revelation that one million dollars' worth of the property exempted belongs to the Riley estate, indicates just what character of a man Harold Riley is, what sort of a member the electors of Gleichen have had foisted upon them, and how far the conservatives are willing to go in defense of one of their own partisans.

And even the brazen attempt to secure for the Riley estate permanent exemption was not the worst feature of his performance. But when it became evident that this must fail the miserable trickery by which, under the guise of "consulting the Calgary council," Riley attempted to secure a postponement of action until after the assessment rolls for 1912 had been completed and he could thereby save for the Riley estate a few more thousands shows the extent to which he would go in attempting to do the city out of a few thousand dollars for a private privilege which his own family enjoyed at the expense of the city which he calls home.

Only the circumstance that the exemption was secured in the first place by another member of the Riley family, E. H. Riley, is necessary to complete the picture of moral obliquity which this bright family presents and to indicate just how little they should be trusted in a public office.

On no grounds whatever can this Riley conspiracy be excused. Through the unearned increment Calgary has made them immensely wealthy. In no other country in the world could they have enjoyed the same wealth with as little effort. Whatever they have they owe to the enterprise of the community of Calgary. The province asks them not a dollar in return for the opportunity and the city asks them only that they pay the same as other property-holders within the city who are doing something tangible to build up Calgary.

Yet, in the face of this enjoyment of an immense unearned wealth one member of the Riley family secures exemption on the pretense that their property is "farming land" (as though Harold or E. H. would ever do a day's work on a farm) and the other member seeks to perpetrate the swindle.

Harold Riley's action indicates that he is not worthy of the confidence placed in him by the electors of Gleichen, that he is quite capable of betraying his own city and that he is willing to use his office for the purpose of promoting a special privilege enjoyed by the members of his own family at the expense of the public whom he has sworn to represent.

Harold Riley is not fit for public life in the province of Alberta, and in the interests of public safety he should not be allowed to remain. The fortunate feature is that the test of his moral fibre came early and that he has been found out.

POLICEMEN  
IN THE SALOONS

Alderman Gowan wants to know why uniformed officers in the employ of the city are stationed in hotels, who pays them, and why. In the opinion of the alderman it is a disgrace that the city should allow its officers to become, as he sees it, attachés of the saloon.

If Alderman Gowan would think the matter over for a moment he would probably decide that there is no place in the hotels where the policemen could be better stationed than in a hotel. And if he asks his question of the chief of police he will find that the hotels and not the city pay the cost of the police service, not directly to the officer, but to the police department.

Without going into the much-discussed question of the licensed liquor traffic vs. prohibition, it must be admitted that the hotelkeeper who keeps the most orderly place and who sees to it that the patrons of his place do not indulge to the point of intoxication is the best hotelkeeper. By the same token, the policeman who makes the fewest arrests and at the same time keeps order is the best policeman.

The arrangement to which Alderman Gowan takes objection is this, that certain hotelkeepers have gone to the chief of police and have made the proposal that if the chief will station a competent officer in their hotels, to guard the interests of the guests as much as of the hotels, that they, the hotel proprietors, will pay to the city the officer's wages, the officer remaining a city peace officer, under direct control of the chief of police, under no obligation to the hotel proprietor, in no way interested in the liquor traffic and quite ready to enforce the law against the hotel or its employees as against any of its patrons.

Surely this shows a commendable desire on the part of the hotelkeepers to conduct orderly and decent hotels. Anyone who knows the world at all knows that the hotelkeeper does not want to make men drunk, but exactly the reverse. But the practical experience of the bar room is that it is sometimes very difficult for the employees of the hotel to restrain a certain class of patrons from over indulgence. It must be clear, however, that a policeman on the ground, who is not there to make arrests, but to prevent the necessity for making arrests, by merely raising his finger to signify that any certain man is to have no more liquor, can very frequently save a man from himself by putting a stop to his over-indulgence, save him from a disturbance accompanying a clamorous demand for more liquor, a disturbance of the class responsible for the greatest number of arrests, and at the same time save the city the cost and responsibility of arresting, providing for, trying and convicting a drunken man.

Thousands upon thousands of men of all grades and descriptions visit the bars of the downtown city hotels in a day,

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In such a place, where all classes of people meet, the opportunities for disorderliness are greatest. If the hotelkeeper, unsolicited, without compulsion, and of their own accord, are ready to meet the expense of guarding against every possibility of disorder by paying the expenses of an officer whose very presence is a guarantee against disorderliness, surely the city is the gainer, not the loser, by this arrangement.

This much at least must be said, that Edmonton is freest from disorder of probably any city in Canada, considering the very large floating population that the police have to deal with here, and one of the first reasons for this is that the city has well-conducted hotels. Possibly a little compilation by the police showing the number of arrests from hotels where there are policemen stationed and a comparison with the number from the hotels where there are no policemen might be made to set out pretty clearly how much the city saves in the course of a year by having policemen at the place where their presence very frequently averts the circumstances which might lead to an arrest.

To arrest a man who might have been spared that indignity by a little municipal precaution is the real disgrace to any city, Alderman Gowan to the contrary notwithstanding.

MAYOR TELLS A.D.  
GOWAN THE REASON

THAT POLICEMEN ARE ON DUTY IN BAR ROOMS AND WHO PAY THE NECESSARY EMOLUMENTS.

Who put the policemen in the bar rooms, why are they there, and who pay their salaries, were questions asked by Alderman Chas. Gowan, at the last council meeting. No one answered the questions then, but the mayor promised to look into the matter. The answers to the questions raised by the Riverside alderman are as follows: The chief of police put the officers there at the solicitation of hotel men; they are there to prevent over indulgent individuals from becoming obnoxious and to persuade men to take a walk outside when they have taken aboard a sufficient cargo; they are paid by the hotels where they are on duty. It might be further remarked that the police are not on duty at hotels are themselves total abstainers—when in uniform anyway.

This morning the mayor remarked that it has been the custom of the city to supply anyone with a special police officer when such application is willing to pay for the man. The men doing special police duty under all circumstances are under the department and proper conduct is mandatory. Any business firm wishing special officers by night or day, will be supplied upon request, when arrangements will be made by the chief of police to put on a responsible man. It was under this practice that the hotel men asked for a special officer for general service about the hotels, and particularly in the bar rooms. The men have been supplied and have been on duty for a couple of months.

## REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

By Lieut.-Col. W. F. W. Carstairs, Commanding 101st Regiment "Edmonton Fusiliers."

The following extract from general order No. 302, dated the 15th of December, 1911, is promulgated for the information of all concerned:

**Appointments and Promotions.**  
"To be Lieutenant-Colonel and to command the Regiment: Major W. F. W. Carstairs; Vice Lieutenant-Colonel: A. B. Edwards, who is permitted to retain retaining rank 24th October, 1911.

"To be Lieutenant: Lieutenant Arthur Hunsberrill Griley, from the 71st 'York Regiment.' 30th September, 1911.  
School of instruction Signalling.  
Advertising to previous regimental orders, the attention of all officers, non-commissioned officers and men is directed to the school of instruction (Signalling) to commence on January 15th, 1912, in the Armouries. All wishing to attend should place their application with the adjutant at once.

**Leave Absence.**  
Leave of absence has been granted as follows: "Captain G. B. McLeod, three months from the 5th instant; Lieutenant R. Young, two months from the 1st instant.

EDGAR BROWN, Lieutenant, Adjutant, 101st Regiment "E.F."

**THE WEATHER**  
Decidely cold weather has prevailed all over the prairie province.

Forecast—All West—North and northeast winds and very cold today and Friday.

**Temperature.**  
Edmonton, fair ..... 4 24  
Calgary, cloudy ..... 11 18  
Winnipeg, clear ..... 10 20  
Winnipeg, cloudy ..... 6 28  
Kamloops, snowing ..... 30 12

STETTLER HAS VERY  
SPIRITED ELECTION

Little Lake But Lively Day of Balloting in Mad

Stettler, Alta., Dec. 28.—The deferred election of council was held yesterday, there being more than ordinary interest in the event owing to there being eleven candidates for the six vacant seats. The poll was declared at 5 o'clock, the following being elected: W. Dunlop, J. B. Griffith, Whip Sharp, A. A. Smushen, A. E. Dennis and H. G. Strong. The first three were on the previous council and will sit for two years' term, and the last three are new councillors and will sit for one year.

Former Speaker Joseph O. Cannon expresses the opinion that the Republican party will win next year if it sticks to a stand-pat platform. "Brevoort's Millions" is being played in South Africa.

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## Men's Shirts 50c

900 MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, fancy percale fronts, with body of printed cambric to exactly match the front. Attached cuffs, good full sized bodies. We guarantee the colors. This Shirt is not sold for less than \$1.00 in the regular way. Friday, 8.30 a. m., each ..... 50c

## Corsets 35c

600 PAIRS NEW LONG MODEL P. C. CORSETS, made of good quality cotton; 16 inch front and 15 1/2 inch back; medium bust. Sizes 18 to 30, white only. A corset we can recommend in every particular. Dollar value. Friday 8.30 a. m. .... 35c

## Fancy Linens 25c

1000 Pieces of FANCY LINENS, 24 and 30 inches round and square Battenburg centres and shams. Also a lot of different sizes in new Printed TABLE COVERS and other fancy pieces. Regular prices up to \$1.50. Friday, 8.30 a. m., each ..... 25c

## Ribbon 10c

3000 YARDS OF BEST TAFETTA SILK AND SATIN DUCHESSE RIBBONS up to 6 inches wide. The same qualities that we have in our regular stock; white and every good color. Values up to 35c. Friday 8.30 a. m. .... 10c

## Lace Curtain Samples 25c

1800 LACE CURTAIN SAMPLE ENDS, white and ecru, 1/2 and 3/4 yards long. There are quite a number of each pattern and as we have them all sorted, early shoppers will be able to secure several pairs of a pattern. These represent Curtains up to \$2.00 per pair. All at one price, Friday 8.30 a. m., each ..... 25c

## Men's \$1.25 Overall 65c

240 PAIRS MEN'S BLACK BIB OVERALLS, union made. These Overall are made of best 8 oz. black denim with high cut bib, open on both sides, double stitched seams, 3 pockets. A full well cut garment that we have to sell right along in the regular way at \$1.25. Sizes 33 to 44. Friday 8.30 a. m., per pair ..... 65c

## FIRST STREET JAMES RAMSEY TEGLER BLOCK

BUSINESS OF THE  
LICENSE DEPT.

SUSPENSION OF LICENSE OF OKOTOKO HOTEL IS BASED—BLIND PIG" RAID AT MILK RIVER.

The suspension of the license of the Grand Central hotel at Okotoko was raised on Saturday on reports from Inspector Nimmons of Lethbridge. The premises have been cleaned up and the business has been sold to Mr. Guitman of Trochu.

At a meeting of the license commission held at Calgary on Friday, a wholesale license was recommended for E. W. Spencer. A wholesale license to Mr. A. Guitman was recommended subject to completion and final inspection of the premises. A hotel license for Parkdale hotel was recommended. A license for a new hotel at Three Hills was recommended subject to inspection on completion of the premises. A protest against the transfer of a license for the hotel at Cayley was heard, and judgment was reserved pending on interpretation of the clause in the ordinance.

The Blainmore wholesale applications were further adjourned to Calgary on the 26th of January. Mr. Fortune was present on behalf of the Temperance and Moral Reform League. Commissioners, McKencher, Bayne and Strong, Chief License Inspector Forsythe and Inspectors Simmons and Gillies were present at the meeting.

The license of the Inglewood hotel at Strathcona was suspended on Thursday. Complaints regarding the conduct of this hotel have been frequent and during the past couple of months the place has figured prominently in the police courts.

A wholesale license in the southern part of the province was automatically cancelled last week through an infraction of the Indian Act. Officers of the license department raised a "blind pig" at Silk River, in the local option district south of Lethbridge. Evidence was procured which caused a conviction before Magistrate McMillan of Warde, and a fine not being paid, a four months term at Lethbridge was inflicted. The difference between handling of "blind pig" operators under the liquor license ordinance, and the criminal code as applied in the restricted district along the G. T. P. construction, was illustrated west of Edmonton last week. Five convictions of illegal liquor selling were reported. In one, under the liquor license ordinance, there was a fine of \$240 and costs. In the other four, under the criminal code, there were fines of \$50 for each offense. A \$50 fine looks easy to the ordinary "blind pigger" and is not much of a deterrent to the crime which is ripe

along the G. T. P. If the restricted district was under the liquor license department, and stiff fines and imprisonment inflicted, it could soon be cleaned up.

## TRY CAPITAL WANT ADS

Representative Frank Buolmann of Chicago, former president of the International association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, has introduced nine labor bills. These effort postal employees, old age pensions, employers' liability and other matters touching labor.

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### K. C. STARTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST REDLIGHT

Prominent Women Visit Third Street Resorts to Talk With Women.

(Western Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—Accompanied by a special escort of police a committee of church women, some of them well known, this afternoon visited houses in one of the two "red light" districts in the city in an effort to persuade the inmates to take a fresh start in life with the New Year.

Each woman was offered a respectable home and a chance to earn an honest living. A home to be conducted as an ordinary boarding house, its address to be kept secret, will be provided for the women who determine to

accept the offer. Conditions will be so arranged that no stigma may follow therefrom.

The effort to help the unfortunate women is a part of the men and religion movement. Under orders of the board of police commissioners, every "red light" in the district visited must go out at midnight next Saturday. In addition to planning to care for the women the organization has gathered the names of all the property owners who rent their places for immoral purposes and will ask that criminal proceedings be started against them.

### COLLEGE SOCIALISTS MEET.

New York, Dec. 28.—Delegates from forty colleges and universities, representing a three-fold increase in membership the past year, were in attendance at the third annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist society, which met in this city today. The convention speakers included Congressman Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, Mayor-elect George H. Lunn of Schenectady, and several other prominent representatives of the socialist party.

### RECEPTION GIVEN FATHER DONNELLY

EDMONTON COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE LAST.

A reception was given to Father Donnelly in the separate school hall last evening by the local order of Knights of Columbus. T. P. Malone of Strathcona, grand knight of the council acted as chairman. Speeches were delivered by Judge Beck, Wilfred Garvey and J. T. J. Collins. The program also included an instrumental solo by Miss Haggerty; vocal duet by Messrs. Cairns and Hall; song by Mr. Cairns and one act comedy by Messrs. Haggerty and Cairns. Sloan's orchestra provided the music for the evening. From Edmonton Father Donnelly will go to Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina, conducting missions similar to the one held in Edmonton in all these places.

### VEEDER GIVES A FEAST OF DETAILS

TELLS OF THE ATTEMPTS OF MEAT PACKERS TO EFFECT MERGER.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Company, and the first witness called by the government in the trial of the ten Chicago packers, testified yesterday that the defendants made two efforts to organize a merger in the summer of 1912 and that their efforts to finance the enterprise were unsuccessful in both instances.

The first plan was to include the Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudahy interests and the proposed corporation was to be capitalized for \$925,000,000 divided as follows: Bonds, \$141,750,000; preferred stock, \$158,750,000; common stock, \$625,000,000. After the promoters had failed to finance this proposition, through Kuhn, Loeb & Company, the plan was changed to provide for a capitalization of \$250,000,000, and the condition of the money market made it impossible to finance the modified merger.

Mr. Veeder testified that E. H. Harriman, James Stillman and other New York financiers, were to have furnished the capital for the big corporation and the amount they were to receive as compensation was \$100,000,000.

Henry Veeder, son of A. H. Veeder, who is said to have acted as secretary for the old packers' pool, known to the government under the name of "Postoffice Box No. 247," will be the next witness called by the prosecution.

### PRESS AGENTS SAY

#### THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Mr. C. James Bancroft is going to bring a treat to Edmonton at the Empire theatre on New Year's day when he will present "The Private Secretary," a play that still holds its own as the funniest comedy ever produced. A few months ago, William Gillette revived it in New York and the town went wild over it. The theatre was packed to suffocation at every performance and only unobtainable contracts forced the management of the Empire theatre to put in a new attraction. It has been said that "The Private Secretary" could have run for a whole season on Broadway had Mr. Gillette chosen to play it. Mr. Bancroft is to England what William Gillette is to America. He has played "The Private Secretary" more than 2000 times in Great Britain, and press and public have acclaimed him as the greatest farceur of that country. In bringing his big rival to America, Mr. Bancroft has transported his company intact from England and the whole production will be seen exactly as it was given in London for nearly two years.

#### DE PACHMANN ON DIAMONDS.

"Will the supply ever give out? That is hardly likely. Borneo supplies about 3,000 carats annually, but 98 per cent. of the total product used every year comes from the De Beers Consolidated mines in South Africa.

Since the discovery of diamonds there in 1867, the De Beers output up to 1897 was over 33,000,000 carats or 7 1/2 tons, valued after cutting at \$450,000,000. The Brazilian diamonds are purer than those of South Africa, but too few of them are found to make their mining exceptionally profitable.

"Rubies—that is, the right kind—are more valuable than diamonds because they seldom weigh much or run very large. The 'pigeonblood' ruby, of deep red wine color, is the kind most sought after. It is found only in Mandalay, and made famous by Kipling's poem of the same name. The largest ruby ever known is in Tibet and weighs 2,900 carats, but it contains numerous flaws and has no great value. The largest two perfect rubies weigh 50 1/2 and 17 1/2 carats, respectively, and belong to the King of Bhutan in India.

"Lovers of sapphires seek principally those of a corn flower hue. Lovely specimens are in the museum of the Jardin des Plantes, Paris, but the finest example ever known was owned by the King of Ava, in 1827. It weighed 921 carats, but it is believed to have been stolen and cut up into smaller stones. The emerald is the most historical gem of all and was known to the first ancients of whom we have any trace. They valued it for its occult properties and its marvelous power of healing all diseases of the eye.

Pliny tells of a life-size figure of a lion in Cyprus with large emerald eyes which were so brilliant when the sun shone upon them that fish were frightened away by them. The Emperor Nero had an eye glass of emerald. The emerald ring taken from the tomb of Charlemagne and used by him as a talisman, was worn by Napoleon on the battle-fields of Austerlitz and Wagram, and was given by him afterwards to Queen Hortense. The finest emeralds come from Siberia but it is practically impossible to get flawless ones. An 'emerald' without a flaw signifies unattainable perfection."

"Where do you keep your own collection?" asked the interviewer; "surely not on your person, and yet you would hardly leave it in a trunk or trust it at home when you are out." "Part of the collection is in a safety vault at London," replied de Pachmann, "but the finest diamonds I brought to America with me. They are locked up in the safe of the Baldwin company, whose piano I play. The value of my collection? It is over \$500,000, but I did not pay that much for it. You see, diamonds are better investments than stocks. Diamonds of the purest water go up all the time, but stocks of the purest 'water' do not."

De Pachmann appears at the Empire theatre tomorrow night.

#### THREE TWINS.

No comedy in years has made such a tremendous success as "The Three Twins." So successful has it been that prominent managers engaged composers to make it into a musical comedy, and as such the Three Twins has duplicated its popularity with the public. "The Three Twins" was written for laughing purposes and that object has been fully carried out. The comic trio, E. C. Van Ambler and company will stage the Three Twins tonight, and rest of the week at the Majestic theatre.

#### LYCEUM THEATRE.

Starting with the first show tonight Harry Bernard's Musical Merry-makers will present that screaming farce entitled "The Doctor's Brick." This is one of Mr. Bernard's most laughable plays, it is full of comedy, fire and life, and has been one of the greatest hits in every town that he has offered it to the public. The opening chorus "Jingle Bells" is also superb piece of stage work not even at the Empire is as effective so gorgeously surrounded with scenery and wardrobe seen every day, and the crowning effect is the solo as sung by Mr. Bernard amid the changing of the colors. The chance of seeing this number is certainly not being let slip by the theatrical world if the crowds that go to the Lyceum theatre this week is any criterion.

The profits of the union co-operative bakery at San Jose, Cal., are about \$2,000 a month.

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